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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS

RESCHEDULE VISIT

REF: STATE 80665

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV INFORMED CHARGE APRIL 30 THAT SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WHICH HAD PLANNED TO ARRIVE USA ON MAY 5 HAS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED ITS ARRIVAL FOR MAY 19. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, FEDOSEYEV SAID POSTPONEMENT WAS RESULT OF ILLNESS OF LEADER OF DELEGATION, BORIS PONOMARYEV (WHO IS COMING IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES OF THE SUPREME SOVIET). HE SAID CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY SOVIET EMBASSY THAT DELEGATION COULD NOT ARRIVE MAY 5, AND THAT CONGRESS PREFERRED VISIT TO BE DEFERRED TWO WEEKS RATHER THAN ONE AS SOVIETS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED. FEDOSEYEV SAID CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAD REQUESTED EARLY REACTION TO MAY 19 DATE, AND SOVIETS WISHED TO INFORM US

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ON PRELIMINARY BASIS THAT MAY 19 IS AGREEABLE. FEDOSEYEV

WAS NOT CERTAIN WHICH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WERE INVOLVED, BUT HE THOUGHT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE WAS ONE POINT OF CONTACT.

2. ACCORDING FEDOSEYEV, DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE 8 PARLIAMENTARIANS, NAMES OF WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO CONGRESS, TOGETHER WITH ABOUT 4 STAFF PEOPLE.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA APRIL 30 QUOTES SENATOR HATHAWAY AS ANNOUNCING EXPECTED MAY 6 ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON OF SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND WELCOMING THIS AS FIRST SUCH VISIT IN HISTORY OF SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS.
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